

FIGURE IN SOCIETY NEWS OF THE WEEK.

SOCIETY

All signs point to a long and a merry spring season beginning with Eastern morning.

The usual gaieties of balls, dinners, weddings, and charity benefit performances will occupy the time during Easter week.

Mrs. Taft continues to have her cozy little afternoon tea parties in the Red Room for her personal friends, visits the theaters often with the President, attends all the important concerts, and is meanwhile busy with her spring wardrobe.

This is taken as an indication of much prospective gaiety in the White House before the President and his family leave for their summer vacation.

It is not at all certain where the President will locate the summer White House, but it is believed it will be either at Manchester-by-the-sea, Mass., or near there. There has been much talk of the President's love for Hot Springs, Va., but should he take a cottage there, it would only be for between-seasons, and not for the hottest weather.

He will have his little family all around him for a few days this week after Mrs. Helen Taft comes from Bryn Mawr. The reunion will not last long, as Master Charles is returning to his studies at Watertown, Conn., in the school presided over by his Uncle Horace. Mr. Robert A. Taft and his sister will remain at the White House until after Easter.

The week following Easter will be well filled with the performances of Mrs. Barney's play, "About Thebes," which will be given each night for a different charity of the city. The cast is composed of some of the leading belles, beaux, and matrons of smart residential and official society, the author, Mrs. Barney, being one of the wealthiest, most fashionable, and gifted women of the country.

She is well known in the art circles of Paris, New York, and Boston, where she has exhibited her paintings and received flattering criticisms on them by connoisseurs.

Each spring for years a play of Mrs. Barney's has been given in Washington for the benefit of the various charities, until they are now established as a feature of the Easter tide, almost each year with a new and better play.

This year among the striking features and novelties of the performance will be the debut of a live camel transplanted from the Zoo to behind the footlights. Among the impersonators will be Mrs. Fremont, wife of Lieut. Commander J. C. Fremont, who is a singer of ability, and who will take the part of a mummy. Mr. Charley Harris will also be a mummy. They will come to life and do some stunts, then return to their respective sarcophagi.

The music was written especially for the play by Mrs. Laurence Townsend, wife of a former United States Minister to Belgium, now living in Washington, and a local musician, Prof. Harry Wheaton Howard.

The hard work of those who have consented to appear in Mrs. Barney's play is increasing every day, and to-morrow they will begin to rehearse morning, afternoon, and evening every day until the performance.

It is interesting to note the charities which will benefit during the festive week, beginning on April 13, when the National Junior Republic will be the good cause for which they will work on the opening night. This worthy charity, whose league was formally organized in the home of Senator (afterward Vice President) Fairbanks, has given an amateur performance of comic opera each spring for some years for its benefit, which has been under the auspices of the Junior League of the Junior Republic, whose officers and membership include the young girls in society.

It was they who produced "We are in Society" and "The Prince of Patches." This year they have omitted giving a whole week of opera, and have chosen two nights of Mrs. Barney's play—Monday and Friday.

On Monday night the boxes will be occupied by the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Meyer and their family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, Mrs. Norman Williams, Mrs. Fairfield Carpenter, Mrs. Alexander Britton, and Mr. Yoachum of the Children's League, all of whom have parties with them.

Others who will entertain parties in the orchestra will be Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jennings, Judge and Mrs. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. Quezada, the Bolivian Minister, and Mrs. Calderon, Representative and Mrs. Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Downing and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Hager, Dr. and Mrs. James M. McCombs, and Mrs. Ormsby McCammon, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Jordan, and Miss May Adams.

On Friday night the boxes have been bought by Mrs. Van Vechten Cloot, Edwidge Jordan, Mrs. George Pullman, former Senator Hemenway, and Mrs. Macklin.

On Tuesday night one of the most appealing charities in the city, the free ward of Providence Hospital, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary, will receive the benefits of the play. This is the charity in which Miss Mathilde Townsend is especially interested, to the extent of not only furnishing the Christmas tree for both children and grown-ups in this ward, but going each Christmas Eve to the hospital and dressing and arranging the tree herself.

This Christmas Eve work is one of her chief delights, and she usually permits some favored cavalier to attend her on these occasions, which is a privilege indeed, and one which is eagerly sought.

Miss Townsend is the real Lady Bountiful in the free ward at Providence. She has taken a box for Tuesday night for the hospital, and other box holders are Mrs. Frank Maloy, Mrs. Thomas M. Bayne, Mrs. Emilie Montgomery, Mrs. James A. Buchanan, Mrs. F. A. M. Hopkins, and Mrs. E. C. Crecy.

Another charity which appeals directly to every one is that of the Diet Kitchen Milk Station for Babies, the first of its kind to be established here. This charity has taken Wednesday night for its benefit. The boxes for that night are taken by Mrs. Meyer, wife of the Secretary of the Navy; Mrs. Frederick A. Kepp, Mrs. H. G. Slater, Mrs. C. A. Williams, Mrs. W. A. Slater, Mrs. C. A. Bradley, Mrs. Boardman, and Mrs. McMillan. Mrs. McMillan will have with her Mr. and Mrs. Preston Gibson, Representative and Mrs. Longworth, Miss Elkins, and Mr. Hill.

The House of Mercy will profit by the performance of Thursday night, and in the boxes will be the President and Mrs. Taft and a party, Mrs. Elkins, Mrs. Edson Bradley, Mrs. Larz Anderson, Mrs. Isaac T. Mann, Mrs. Halliday, and Mrs. Snow, who has taken two boxes. This will be one of the most brilliant nights. The Episcopal Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital will be the beneficiary of Saturday night's performance. The boxes already taken are by the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Meyer, who are most generous and impartial in their support

of the play: Representative and Mrs. Huff, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Hyde, and Miss Martha Codman, of Boston.

It is a matter of great regret that Miss Olga Converse, the clever dancer, has been obliged to drop out of the play, owing to the death of her father. Miss Janin and Miss Ide also were cast in the play and have been obliged to give up the work, owing to their leaving the city. Miss Geraldine Clifford, a dancer not known much to the public in the terpsichorean art, will be seen in some beautiful dances, and some wonderful costumes have been designed by Mrs. Barney.

The posters, for which Mrs. Barney has offered a prize to the Corcoran art students, will be judged to-day, and then be posted all about Washington for the public to see the work of the students of the Corcoran school.

Festivities appear to have been suspended in earnest during this week, and it looks as though Washington would observe Holy Week en masse, so far as social affairs are concerned.

PERSONALS.

Miss Hanna W. Taylor, of 2018 O street, left last Friday for St. Louis. On her way home she will visit relatives in Mobile, Ala.

Former Secretary of Commerce and Labor and Mrs. Straus and their daughter, Mrs. Hochstadter, who have been in Cuba since the inauguration, have left Havana for Florida on the Hibiscus, a lighthouse tender.

The former American Minister to Cuba, Mr. Edwin V. Morgan, entertained at dinner in their honor during their visit to Havana, and Mrs. Luis Marx entertained at a breakfast for them in the quaint restaurant Dos Hermanos on March 28. Rear Admiral Adolph Marx, chairman of the lighthouse board, and Mrs. Marx are traveling with the Strauses.

Mr. and Mrs. Edison Bradley will close their home in about a fortnight and go to their place at Tuxedo. Later in the spring they will sail for Europe, where they will spend the summer, accompanied by their son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Shipman, of New York.

Mrs. Shipman, who with Miss Beatrice Crosby, has been the guest of her parents here for some days, returned to New York yesterday.

Mrs. Bertha Odenwald will entertain at what this evening.

The Misses Buxbaum, of Chicago, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Hahn, of Eighth street northwest.

The wedding of Miss Jeanette Gans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gans, and Mr. Wallace Luchs, will take place Wednesday, April 14, at the family residence, 1456 Fairmont street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abel will be at home to-day from 3 to 6 o'clock and 8 to 10 o'clock, at 1454 Clifton street, previous to their departure from the city for a six months' stay. Mrs. Abel and children will be the guests of Mr. Henry Adler and family, of Pittsburgh, during Mr. Abel's absence in Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. James Robert McKee and her daughter, Miss Mary Lodge McKee, will arrive here next week to be the guests of Mrs. Arthur Lee. They will be extensively entertained with both dinners and dances. Mrs. Lee will have as her guest also at this time Miss Belle Armstrong.

Mme. Loudon, wife of the Minister from the Netherlands, returned to the legation yesterday from a visit South, and also in Boston. The Minister, who has been in Mexico for some time, will return next week. Mme. Loudon will give the parlors of the legation for the use of the Kneisel Quartet for a recital here.

The Kneisels are both well known and popular in Washington, but have not been heard for several seasons. Mr. Courtland Palmer, pianist, will come with them and play the piano part of his own quintet, which will be on the Kneisel's programme.

Mrs. Gus Nordlinger entertained the Afternoon Bridge Club on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Nordlinger are at the Hotel Rudolf, Atlantic City.

Mrs. Emma R. Bauer and Miss Eliza Bauer leave Wednesday for Atlantic City for the Easter holidays.

Mr. de Thal, of the Russian Embassy staff, who has been absent in Europe and in his own country for six months past, is expected to return to the embassy before the end of this month.

Mrs. Carl Kaufman, of St. Gall, Switzerland, will leave the early part of the week for a visit to New York, but will return to Washington before sailing for home.

Baroness Rosen and Baroness Elizabeth Rosen, wife and daughter of the Russian Ambassador, who have been in Russia for eighteen months past, will return to Washington at the end of this month. They will spend the summer in Newport. Baroness Rosen took her daughter home to present her at court before she entered society here. She will probably have a brilliant presentation at Newport. She is a brilliant and accomplished young woman, who will be a distinct ornament to society.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Behrend are visiting in Lakewood, N. J.

Mrs. Wexel, of New York, was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Max Cohen.

Mrs. A. Rosenthal has returned from a visit to Atlantic City.

Mrs. M. M. Stern, of the Ashley, is the guest of relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence V. Benet, the latter formerly Miss Cox, of this city, who

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have made a visit recently to Mrs. Benet's mother here, yesterday sailed for France, to return to their home in Paris.

Miss Selma Kahn left Washington Wednesday for a visit to New York.

Mrs. Benjamin Held entertained the Sewing Circle at their last meeting of the season on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Bertha Coblentz will be at home to-day at 1824 Twelfth street for the last time before her departure for Europe on April 14.

Miss Elizabeth Farber went on Friday for a visit to Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Dr. and Mrs. Woodard, of Chicago, the latter formerly Miss Nellie Richmond, of this city, will spend the month of May in Washington with Mrs. Woodard's relatives. They will sail early in June for Europe to spend some time in London and Vienna. Mrs. Woodard was well known in music circles here. She is a gifted pianist.

The wedding of Miss Irene Sommers and Mr. Sidney Guggenheim will take place this evening at Freund's Hall at 6 o'clock. Miss Lillian Sommers will attend the bride as maid of honor, and Mr. Herbert Guggenheim will act as best man. The ushers will be Mr. Joe Hendel, Mr. Bernard Sackerman, Mr. Milton Kronheim, and Mr. Charles Kronheim.

Mrs. Eugene Schwab will entertain at dinner to-day complimentary to the Misses Buxbaum, of Chicago.

Mrs. Alfred Mayer is the guest of relatives in Baltimore.

Mrs. Adelle Sigmond, Mrs. Sidney C. Kaufman, and Mrs. Goldsmith M. Sigmond returned yesterday from a ten days' visit to Atlantic City.

Miss Rosina Schoenhoff, of Boston, Mass., is the guest of Mrs. W. Wolf, of Third street.

Miss Hortense Koch, of New York, the guest of Miss Hortense Sondheim, will return to-day to her home after a month's visit to the city.

The younger son of Mrs. A. M. Blair, Mr. Francis Blair, is at home from college for the Easter holidays.

Mrs. Nathan Kaufman, of Providence, R. I., will return to her home to-morrow.

Mrs. Sam Rothschild spent a few days in Baltimore.

Mrs. Harry Kaufman entertained at bridge on Monday afternoon. The prizes were won by Mrs. Gus Wallerstein and Mrs. Eugene Schwab.

Miss Mary Walte, daughter of the late Chief Justice Waite, of the United States Supreme Court, has gone on a visit to New York City, where she is the guest of Miss Nannie Williamson, daughter of Chief Engineer Williamson, U. S. N.

Mrs. A. Herman has given up her home on Calvert street and taken an apartment at the Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius I. Peyer have returned from a visit to Atlanta, Ga., and St. Augustine, Fla.

The Undeclin Club has arranged for a dance on April 8.

Miss Edith Auerbach returned Tuesday from a visit to New York, where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Auerbach.

Miss Love Fry returned on Wednesday from a visit to Martinsburg, W. Va.

Mrs. Arba B. Marvin, Jr., and her infant son, of Schenectady, N. Y., are visiting the mother of the former, Mrs. Grace Greenwood Andrews, at her apartment in the Ontario.

Mrs. J. H. Brown and her son Horton, of Cincinnati, Ohio, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Langdon, 3313 Seventeenth street northwest.

Mrs. Eugene Schwab arrange an entertainment consisting of songs and recitations for the pupils of the Settlement at Four-and-a-half and G streets southwest on Tuesday afternoon. At the conclusion of the entertainment Mrs. Schwab presented each of the fifty children with a box of candy.

Miss Lily Spandauer went to Philadelphia Thursday for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. B. Hartz, of Twelfth street, returned Friday from a lengthy visit to Manning, S. C.

Mrs. Joseph Abel was tendered a farewell surprise on Thursday afternoon by the Sewing Circle, of which she is a mem-

ber, and a delightful luncheon was served. The guests were Mrs. A. Baer, Mrs. G. Klebahn, Mrs. Oppenheimer, Mrs. E. Blondheim, Mrs. Ernest Gichter, Mrs. L. Kronheimer, Mrs. Morris Caro, and Mrs. Julius Reis.

Miss Janet Richards returned to Washington last night from a lecture trip to Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York. While in New York she was the guest on Thursday night of Mrs. Bartlett Arkell, and on Friday of Miss Julia T. Ripley, formerly of Washington. In response to the request of a number of her Washington patrons Miss Richards will give an extra course of three "Current Topics Talks" this month, beginning to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, at Rauscher's. These talks on current politics by Miss Richards have come to be an accepted and almost necessary institution for busy society women, as they furnish a brief and comprehensive summary of the leading questions of the day, political, economic, home and international, and are largely attended by the representative women of Washington.

U. S. A.: Capt. Sladen, U. S. A., and Mr. Henry Martin, of the Swiss Legation. Following the dinner the guests enjoyed a German "beer evening," with imported Muenchener beer. Among those invited for the evening were Senator Elkins, Mr. Larz Anderson, Mr. C. C. Glover, Lieut. Camperio, naval attaché of the Italian Embassy, and Commander Nebelstine, naval attaché of the Russian Embassy, and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson entertained at a luncheon yesterday in their Massachusetts avenue home.

Mrs. Alexander Stuart entertained at luncheon yesterday in honor of Mrs. Sherman, wife of the Vice President. The other guests were Mrs. William Alden Smith, Mrs. Nathan B. Scott, Viscountess de Sibir, Mrs. Thomas Moore, Mrs. Philip D. Sheridan, Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe, Mrs. Henry S. Boutell, Miss Gillette, and Miss Stewart.

Mrs. Robert Hollister Chapman entertained at luncheon yesterday in honor of her cousin, Mrs. Hillis, of Auburn, N. Y. The other guests were Mrs. Van Vechten Cloot, Mrs. William Barrett Ridgley, Mrs. P. E. Phillips, Mrs. Walcott, Mrs. Rush, Mrs. Morris Murray, Mrs. Simpkins, Mrs. Barney, Miss Stickney, and Miss Harlan.

Capt. Cassili Cook entertained at dinner last evening in honor of Hon. Raymond J. Foster, of New York, and Senator Manuel Ferez, of the Cuban bar.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

The Minister from Ecuador and Mme. Carbo entertained at a small dinner, followed by a reception, in honor of the American Minister to Ecuador and Mrs. Williams E. Fox last evening. The Minister and Mrs. Fox are spending the spring season at the Grafton, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Eusebia Fox.

The Pheta-Pheta Club gave a dance at Mrs. Glover's recently, which was largely attended by the members and guests of the club. Music was furnished by a string orchestra, and the hall was beautifully decorated with potted plants and palms. Those present were V. T. Conboy, Mary Rice, Mae Esner, James Faye, Edna Faye, Walter Simpson, Nathaniel Worley, John Mansuy, Gertrude Marsden, Frank Davis, Bessie MacKenzie, Daniel Forbes, John Allison, Miss Lyons, Edna Hazen, William Maslin, Miss Allen, Miss Hall, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Wits, Herbert Babcock, Helen Woods, Vincent Coughlin, Mrs. Rice, and Mrs. MacKenzie.

An Easter sale for the benefit of the Casualty Hospital will be held Wednesday evening, 6:30 to 10 o'clock, in the home of Miss Nina Spinks, 134 A street northeast, president of the Young Ladies' Guild, under whose auspices the sale is being given.

There will be a choice collection of fancy, as well as useful articles, candy, ice cream and cake, and a palmist's tent. An excellent musical programme will be given by Miss Marguerite Waller, Miss Ruth Branson, Miss Dora Hartley, and Miss Maude Edmonds.

Miss Edwina Ward will have charge of the apron table; Miss Ruth Branson will preside at the candy table; Miss Colvin at the fancy work, and Miss Helen Gardner is the chairman of the refreshment committee. The palmist tent will be in charge of Miss Daisy Stewart.

The last meeting of the Pheta-Pheta Club was at the residence of Miss Inga L. Forsberg, 625 F street southwest, Wednesday evening. Miss Gertrude Marsden, Mr. John Mansuy, and Mr. Franklin Barr were admitted to membership. Refreshments were served.

The Undeclin Club will give an informal dance at the Post-office Hall, Mount Pleasant, on Thursday evening.

The Gloom Dispellers' Club held its regular semi-monthly meeting on Monday night, with James A. Dillon, president, in the chair, at the home of one of its most popular members, Raymond O'Meara, 922 H street northeast. The committee reported progress on the proposed trip to witness the opening baseball game on Easter Monday, and also on the masquerade.

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THE VICE PRESIDENT and Mrs. James S. Sherman were the guests for whom former Representative and Mrs. Joseph Shelby entertained at dinner last evening. The other guests were Mr. Justice and Mrs. Brewer, Senator and Mrs. Burrows, Senator and Mrs. Scott, Senator and Mrs. Bailey, Representative and Mrs. Weeks, Representative and Mrs. Lowden, Representative and Mrs. Mann, Commissioner of Penitents and Mrs. Warner, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Curtis.

The military attaché of the German Embassy, Maj. von Livonius, entertained at a stag dinner last evening. His guests included Senator Warren, the Swedish Minister, Mr. Lagercrantz; the Swiss Minister, Dr. Vogel; Gen. Woterspoon, Gen. Crozier, Col. Baron de Bode, military attaché of the Russian Embassy; the military attaché of the Spanish Legation, Maj. Urculla; the military attaché of the British Embassy, Col. B. R. James; the military attaché of the Japanese Embassy, Maj. Tanaka; the military attaché of the Mexican Embassy, Maj. D. A. Capt. Hall, U. S. A.; Capt. Marble,

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